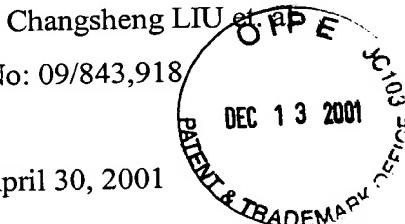


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Prior to the Examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

A clean copy of all pending claims is attached as appendix A

Please add the following new claims:

26. (New) An electrophoresis separation medium comprising a gel matrix of at least one random, linear copolymer comprising a primary comonomer and at least one secondary comonomer, wherein the comonomers are randomly distributed along the copolymer chain, and wherein

the primary comonomer is one from the group consisting of acrylamide, N-methylacrylamide, and N-ethylacrylamide; and

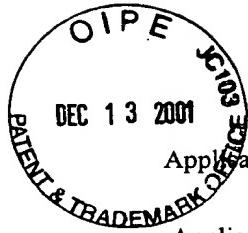
the at least one secondary comonomer is dimethylacrylamide.

27. (New) An electrophoresis separation medium comprising a gel matrix of at least one random, linear copolymer comprising a primary comonomer and at least one

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The fee required to be filed with the accompanying amendment of even date herewith concerning the above-identified application has been estimated to be \$204.00.

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